

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2016**

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 7:11 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Committeewoman Garay, Committeeman Abraham, Mayor Pfefferle,
CFO Rees

ABSENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Budget Work Session # 2**

CFO Rees made the following adjustments to the budget based on discussion from the budget meeting on March 3, 2016:

- 1.) Increase in Township Committee S&W of \$4,100.00
- 2.) Reduction in Engineering costs of \$37,000.00 to reflect the charging of the remediation to the 2015 budget at the DPW Garage
- 3.) Reduction in health insurance based upon Joint Court allocation of \$6,000.00
- 4.) Increase in fire contributions for turn out gear of \$5,000.00
- 5.) Increase in Joint Court to cover actual costs of \$6,500.00
- 6.) Reduction in Reserve for uncollected taxes of \$355.10

The original amount to be raised by taxes was \$1,502,819.75 (an increase of \$115,000 from last year) and after the revisions above were made by CFO Rees the amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,485,864.65 (an increase of \$97,334.45 from last year after the above adjustments were made). The budget doesn't include capital expenses to be incurred by the DPW. The DPW has two large projects for 2016 to complete which are:

- 1.) Section 6 of Rick Road
- 2.) DPW Garage

The Township Committee will bond \$250,000.00 for DPW capital expenses. At this time the Township Committee will not move forward with the following proposed DPW projects for this year:

- 1.) replacing street signs throughout the Township as required by Federal Regulations to be effective January 1, 2018;
- 2.) Paving of the Township Park driveway and parking lots;
- 3.) Mt. Salem Road re-alignment;
- 4.) Schaaf Road "Reclamation" Project;
- 5.) Drainage on Schaaf Road
- 6.) Rick Road 2" asphalt overlay

The Township Committee will move forward with a 2 cent increase in taxes for \$140,000.00 to be used toward the increase in budget. The remaining \$27,000 will go toward surplus.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 PM at the municipal offices.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Curtis Schick noted that he OPRA'd the facility use forms from Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski pertaining to the rental of the barn. Mr. Schick noticed that the Township's insurance company approves the facility use forms and insurance policies for the sports programs but not AEA sponsored events. Comm. Abraham noted that AEA event facility use forms and insurance certificates will be reviewed and approved by the Township insurance company as they are required to be.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to go into Executive Session to discuss anticipated litigation.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - _____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.
 - _____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.
 - _____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.
 - _____ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.

- ☒ Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.

Peacefield Management

- ☐ Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.
- ☒ Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

Health Insurance Benefits

- ☐ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- ☐ Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
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- ☐ Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately .

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to return to Public Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- **Health Insurance Benefits/Litigation:**

Matter to stay in Executive Session

- **Peacefield Management/Land Acquisition:**

Township Committee will speak with Open Space Chair Bill Fritsche on April 13, 2016 as to the County Agricultural application on this property.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to adjourn.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Budget Meeting of March 23, 2016 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township on the 13th day of April 2016.

Mayor

Dated: _____